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DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.59

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR § 1.59(b), filed on January 7 2004 and also on April 10, 2006, to expunge information submitted pursuant to MPEP § 724.05.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Petitioner requests that the information submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement, filed October 14, 2003, be expunged from the record. Petitioner states that failure to obtain its return would cause irreparable harm to Applicant, and the information has not otherwise been made public. The petition fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(h) has been paid.

The petition is premature because the application has not been allowed or abandoned. Accordingly, it is not appropriate to make a final determination of whether or not the material requested to be expunged is "material," with "materiality" being defined as any information which the examiner considers as being important to a determination of patentability of the claims. Thus, the petition to expunge must be dismissed at this time.

During prosecution on the merits, the examiner will determine whether or not the information submitted on October 14, 2003 is considered to be "material." Once prosecution on the merits is closed, applicant may re-submit a petition to expunge the information. No further fee is required for such a second submission of a petition under 37 CFR § 1.59 to expunge information. If the information is not considered by the examiner to be material, the information will be expunged from the application and may be returned to applicant.

The identified documents are currently not available for public view as of December 21, 2007. It is noted that the instant application has been published on February 26, 2004. Thus, the identified documents submitted on October 14, 2003 have already been made available to the public and subject to copying by the public. According, the Office cannot guarantee that the information being closed as a result of this decision was not previously accessed by the public.

Any inquiry concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-4210.

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